



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: ]  
BERNHARD BRINKHAUS ]  
Serial No.: 10/517,606 ]  
Filed: December 21, 2004 ] Group Art Unit: 3733  
Title: **SPINAL COLUMN SUPPORT** ] Examiner: Nicholas W. Woodall  
**SYSTEM** ]  
Attorney's Docket No.: 04236

## AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 5, 2008, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of the claims in this application which begin on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks of counsel** are found beginning on page 5 of this Amendment.

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